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BUSH'S NURSERY

GUY D. BUSH, 15th Ave. South and 40th Street

Take Bloomington Avenue Car to 40th Street

Minneapolis, Minn. Telephone Regent 1035

PLANT LIST and ORDER SHEET for 1936

Write after the name of the plant the number of dozens wanted. Hand order to cashier.

ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS			ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS			HARDY PERENNIAL FLOWER PLANTS			
10c Per Dozen			20c Per Dozen			20c Each, \$2.00 Per Dozen			
Ageratum, Dwarf Blue	1	Number of Dozens Wanted	Aster, King, Mixed	60	Number of Dozens Wanted	Bachelor's Button, Hardy, Blue	122	Number of Plants Wanted	
Alyssum, White, Edging Plant	2		Aster, Queen of Market, Pink	61		Blue Flax	123		
Aster, All Varieties, Mixed	3		Aster, Queen of Market, Red	62		Boltonia, Tall Pink, Daisy	124		
Aster, Single, Daisy, Mixed	4		Aster, Queen of Market, Purple	63		Canterbury Bell, Biennial	125		
Baby Breath, White	5		Aster, Queen of Market, Mixed	64		Carnation, Hardy Mixed	126		
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Blue	6		Aster, Semple's, Lavender-blue	65		Columbine, Long Spurred, Scarlet	127		
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Pink	7		Aster, Semple's, Dark Rose	66		Coreopsis, Yellow Daisy	128		
Bachelor's Button, Double Red	8		Aster, Semple's, Shell-pink	67		Coral Bell, Red Spikes	129		
Bachelor's Button, Dbl. Mixed	9		Aster, Semple's, White	68		Delphinium, Chinese, Blue	130		
Calendula, Orange King	10		Aster, Semple's, Mixed	69		Delphinium, Bellamosum, Dark Blue	131		
Calliopsis, Tall, Double	11		Calendula, Sunshine, New	70		Delphinium, DeLuxe, Dark Shades	132		
Carnation, Double Mixed	12		Carnation, Chaubaud's, Dbl. Red	71		Delphinium, Hollyhock Strain	133		
Cosmos, Early, Pink	13		Chinese Forget-Me-Not, Blue	72		Gaillardia, Red Daisy	134		
Cosmos, Early, Red	14		Cosmos, Early, Double Mixed	73		Gaillardia, Burgundy, Red, New	135		
Cosmos, Early, Mixed	15		Nasturtium, Dbl. Golden Gleam	74		Gypsophila, Baby Breath	136		
Daisy, African, Blue-eyed	16		Nasturtium, Dbl. Glor. Gl. Mix.	75		Mullein Pink	137		
Daisy, African, Orange	17		Pansy, Exhibition, Mixed	76		Pentstemon, Red Spikes	138		
Larkspur, Dark Blue	18		Petunia, Balcony, Blue	77		Poppy, Iceland, Orange	139		
Larkspur, Stockflowered, Pink	19		Petunia, Balcony, Crimson	78		Poppy, Oriental, Red	140		
Larkspur, Stockflowered, Mixed	20		Petunia, Balcony, Rose	79		Poppy, Oriental, Double, Red	141		
Lobelia, Dark Blue	21		Petunia, Balcony, White	80		Pyrethrum, Red	142		
Marigold, African, Dbl. Mixed	22		Petunia, Heavenly Blue	81		Sweet William, Newport Pink	143		
Marigold, French, Dwarf, Dbl. Mixed	23		Petunia, Violet Queen	82		Sweet William, Scarlet Beauty	144		
Marigold, Little Brownie	24		Salvia, Harbinger, Red	83		Sweet William, Double Mixed	145		
Mignonette, Giant	25		Snapdragon, Medium, Crimson	84		Tritoma, Redhot Poker	146		
Nasturtium, Dwarf, Mixed	26		Snapdragon, Medium, Orange	85		DWARF PERENNIAL PLANTS			
Nasturtium, Tall, Mixed	27		Snapdragon, Giant, Pink	86		Suitable for Rock Garden or Border			
Nicotiana, Crimson	28		Snapdragon, Giant, Mixed	87		10c Each, \$1.00 Per Dozen			
Nicotiana, White, Fragrant	29		Verbena, Mammoth, Pink	88		Ajuga, Blue	147		Number of Plants Wanted
Nicotiana, Mixed	30		Verbena, Mammoth, Purple	89		Alyssum, Yellow	148		
Pansy, All Colors	31		Verbena, Mammoth, Red	90		Aster, Alpine, Blue Daisy	149		
Petunia, General Dodd, Crimson	32		Zinnia, Giant, Dahlia-flowered	91		Buttercup, Dwarf, Double, Yellow	150		
Petunia, Howard's Star	33	HARDY PERENNIAL FLOWER PLANTS				Columbine, Alpine, Purple	151		
Petunia, Rose of Heaven	34	10c Each, \$1.00 Per Dozen				Creeping Jenny, Yellow	152		
Petunia, Rosy Morn	35	Achillea, Red	92	Glacier Daisy, Yellow	153				
Petunia, Striped and Blotched	36	Bergamot, Scarlet	93	Hare-bell, Blue	154				
Petunia, Balcony, Mixed	37	Blue Flax	94	Iris, Dwarf, Blue	155				
Petunia, All Colors Mixed	38	Canterbury Bell, Mixed	95	Pinks, Cheddar, Mixed	156				
Phlox, Salmon-pink	39	Columbine, Lavender and Blue	96	Pinks, Granaticus, Rose-pink	157				
Phlox, Red	40	Columbine, Long Spurred Mixed	97	Pinks, Maiden, Rosy-red	158				
Phlox, Mixed	41	Coreopsis, Yellow Daisy	98	Primrose, Evening, Yellow	159				
Pinks, Double, Mixed	42	Coventry Bell, Blue Spikes	99	Prunella, Purple	160				
Scabiosa, Crimson	43	Delphinium, Chinese, Mixed	100	Tunica, Saxifrage, White	161				
Scabiosa, Maroon	44	Delphinium, Mixed	101	Sedum, Acre, Golden Moss	162				
Scabiosa, Mixed	45	Forget-me-not, Everblooming	102	Sedum, Album, White	163				
Snapdragon, Giant, Mixed	46	Gaillardia, Red Daisy	103	Sedum, Coccinium, Rosy-red	164				
Stocks, Large Flowering, Purple	47	Gypsophila, Baby Breath	104	Sedum, Sarmentosum, Yellow	165				
Stocks, Large Flowering, Red	48	Heliopsis, Tall Yellow Daisy	105	Snow in Summer, White	166				
Stocks, Large Flowering, Mixed	49	Hollyhock, Double	106	Viola, Mixed Colors	167				
Tagetes, Sweet Scented, Yellow	50	Marguerite, White Daisy	107	Veronica, Dwarf, Blue	168				
Verbena, Mammoth, Mixed	51	Marguerite, Yellow Daisy	108	Veronica, Semi-Dwarf, Blue	169				
Zinnia, Giant, Salmon-rose	52	Michaelmas Daisy, Mixed	109	Veronica, Dwarf, White	170				
Zinnia, Giant, Scarlet	53	Platycoden, Dwarf Blue	110	DWARF PERENNIAL PLANTS					
Zinnia, Giant, Yellow	54	Polemonium, Dwarf Blue	111	Suitable for Rock Garden or Border					
Zinnia, Giant, Mixed	55	Poppy, Iceland, Mixed	112	20c Each, \$2.00 Per Dozen					
Zinnia, Dwarf, Red Riding Hood	56	Poppy, Oriental, Red	113	Aubretia, Dwarf, Blue	171	Number of Plants Wanted			
Zinnia, Dwarf, Pompon, Salmon	57	Pyrethrum, Daisy, Double Mixed	114	Nepeta, Mussina, Blue	172				
Zinnia, Dwarf, Pompon, Yellow	58	Pyrethrum, Giant White Daisy	115	Phlox, Subulata, Lavender	173				
Zinnia, Dwarf, Pompon, Mixed	59	Pyrethrum, Purple Cone-flower	116	Phlox, Amoena, Dwarf, Rose-pink	174				
PERENNIAL SEEDLINGS			Rudbeckia, Purple Cone-flower	117	Saxifrage, Cordifolia, Rose-pink		175		
Many Varieties, dozen	15c	Scabiosa, Hardy, Lavender	117	Sedum, Roseum, Semi-Dwarf	176				
Ready June 15.		Shasta Daisy, White	118	Silene, Alpestris, White	177				
		Statice, Sea Lavender	119	Thyme, Purple	178				
		Sweet William, Mixed	120	Thyme, Woolly-leaf	179				
		Veronica, Blue Spikes	121	Veronica, Dwarf, Pink	180				
				Viola, Apricot	181				



LARGE FLOWERING PETUNIAS

DOZ.

Petunia, Dwarf California,

Giant, Mixed

35c 182

Petunia, Elk's Pride, Large

Velvety-violet

35c 183

Petunia, Giant, Ruffled,

Fringed, Mixed

35c 184

Petunia, Martha Washington,

Dwarf, Fringed, Rose-pink

35c 185

Petunia, Nana Compacta,

Rose, Small, Dwarf

35c 186

Petunia, Norma, Purple and

White Star

35c 187

Petunia, Romany Lass, Large,

Fringed, Red

35c 188

Petunia, Violacea, Velvety-

purple

35c 189

Petunia, Double, Fringed

50c 190

VEGETABLE PLANTS

20c Per Dozen

Tomato, Bonny Best

191

Tomato, Earliana

192

Tomato, John Baer

193

Tomato, Ox Heart

194

Tomato, Ponderosa, Red

195

Tomato, Ponderosa, Yellow

196

Tomato, Yellow Plum

197

Cauliflower, Snowball

198

VEGETABLE PLANTS

10c Per Dozen

Tomato, Large, Red

199

Pepper, Bell, Sweet

200

Cabbage, Copenhagen Market

201

Cabbage, Danish Ballhead

202

Ground Cherries, Golden

203

Parsley, Moss Curled

204

GLADIOLUS

DOZ.

Aflame, Flame-red

45c

Aida, Deep Violet-blue

45c

Alice Tiplady, Orange-bronze

35c

Apricot, Glow, Apricot-pink

35c

Dr. F. E. Bennet, House Afire, Red

45c

Elizabeth Swartley, Rose-pink

35c

Golden Dream, Tall, Yellow

35c

Mrs. Leon Douglas, Salmon-pink

35c

Mrs. F. C. Peters, Lavender

45c

Olive Goodrich, White, Pink Edge

35c

Paul Pfitzer, Reddish-purple

45c

Primate, Primrose Color, Tall

45c

Rita Beck, Apple-blossom Color

45c

Ruffled Gold, Pale Lemon Yellow

45c

Sigrid Stein, Early White

35c

Mixed, Exhibition Varieties

30c

IRIS

EACH

Aurea, Light Yellow

10c

Florentina, White

20c

Lent A. Williams, Large, Purple

30c

Madam Chereau, Light Blue

20c

Princess Louise, Yellow and Plum

20c

Prosper Laugier, Bronze and Purple

20c

Quaker Lady, Lavender and Blue

20c

Queen Caterina, Blue

20c

Queen of May, Pink

20c

Rheine Nixe, Purple and White

20c

Mixed Iris

10c

Siberian, Purple

10c

Siberian, Striped

10c

Siberian, White

15c

LILIES HARDY

EACH

Lily, Auratum, Gold Banded

35c

Lily, Elegans, Red

25c

Lily, Funkia, Lavender

20c

Lily, Lemon, Lemon-yellow

25c

Lily, Orange

25c

Lily, Regal, Large White

20c

Lily, Rubrum, Rosy-white and Red

35c

Lily, Tenufolium, Bright Red

20c

Lily, Tiger, Double

15c

Lily, Yucca, White Sword Lily

20c

Lily, Yucca, Variegated, White

35c

PANSY PLANTS

Number of Plants Wanted

One year old Pansy Plants of many varieties and shades.

First size, 10c each, 3 for

25c

Second size, 5c each, 6 for

25c

Third size, dozen

25c

PEONIES, DOUBLE FLOWERING

Alexander Dumas, Pink

35c

Edulis Superba, Deep Pink

25c

Festiva Maxima, White

35c

Karl Rosenfield, Dark Red

50c

Louis Van Houtte, Crimson

35c

Rachel, Red

35c

Rose Fragrance, Deep Rose

35c

Rosea Superba, Dark Rose

25c

Peony, Mixed Varieties

10c

GIANT PLANTS

Extra Choice, \$3.50 Per Dozen

EACH

Blue Flax, Bright Blue

35c

Canterbury Bell

35c

Columbine, Long-spurred

35c

Coreopsis, Yellow Daisy

35c

Coral Bell, Red Spikes

35c

Delphinium, Mixed Shades

35c

Gaillardia, Red Daisy

35c

Perennial Bachelor's Button, Blue

35c

Polemonium, Dwarf Blue

35c

Saxifrage, Cordifolia

35c

Shasta Daisy, Large White

35c

Statice, Lavender

35c

GIANT PLANTS GIVEN FREE

Any one of above Giant Plants Given Free with a \$3.00 order; 2 plants with \$5.00 order; 5 with \$10.00 order.

DWARF ANNUAL FLOWER PLANTS

Suitable for Rock Gardens and Borders

Well developed plants, 5c each.

Ageratum, Blue Cap, 5 inches, very compact.

Alyssum, Little Gem, Carpet of Snow, white flowers, 4 inches.

Brachycome, Swan River Daisy, compact plants 8 to 10 inches, small flowers of blue, white, purple, etc.

Cardinal Climber, Dainty red flowered climbing and trailing plant.

Cockscomb, Dwarf variety in red, orange, yellow, etc.

English Daisy, Double, rose, red, white, etc., 5 inches.

Leptosiphon, Dainty flowers of many shades of orange, pink, yellow, etc. About three inches high.

Linaria Maroccana, Dainty spikes one foot high of snapdragon-like flowers, many shades.

Lobelia, Crystal Palace, Dark blue, 4 inches high.

Lobelia, Tennior, Dark blue, white center, trailing.

Monkey Flower, Orange and yellow flowers with reddish brown spots. 6 inches.

Nemesia, Compact plants, covered with attractive, red, blue and orange flowers, 8 inches.

Sanvitalia, Trailing Zinnia, Small, double, yellow daisy, with black center, 6 inches.

Tagetes, Sweet Scented Marigold,

Compact plant with small yellow flowers, 10 inches.

Thunbergia, Black-eyed Susan, fine trailing plant, yellow and orange flowers with black centers.

Verbena, Fireball, Dwarf compact, scarlet, 6 inches.

Viscaria Oculata, Flowers of red, blue, pink, white, etc. 1 foot.

EVERGREENS

Balled and Burlapped

Juniper, Red Cedar

3 to 3½ ft.

\$2.00 to \$2.50

15 to 18 in.

.75 to 1.00

Juniper, Silver Cedar

2 to 2½ ft.

2.00 to 2.50

18 to 24 in.

1.25 to 1.75

Juniper, Saven, Spreading

15 to 18 in.

2.00 to 2.25

12 to 15 in.

1.00 to 1.25

Juniper, Pfitzer, Low Spreading

15 to 18 in.

2.00 to 2.25

12 to 15 in.

1.00 to 1.50

Pine, Austrian

2 to 2½ ft.

1.50 to 2.00

Pine, Ponderosa

2 to 2½ ft.

1.50 to 2.00

Pine, Mugho, Dwarf

2½ to 3½ ft. spread

3.00 to 4.00

18 by 18 in. spread

2.50 to 2.75

15 by 15 in. spread

1.50 to 2.00

Pine, Scotch

3 to 4 ft.

2.00 to 3.00

2 to 2½ ft.

1.00 to 1.50

Spruce, Colorado, Blue

3 to 3½ ft.

5.00

18 to 24 in.

2.50 to 3.50

15 to 18 in.

1.50 to 2.00

Green 3½ to 4 ft.

3.50 to 4.00

18 to 24 in.

1.50 to 2.00

12 to 15 in.

.75 to 1.00

Spruce, Black Hills, Compact

2 to 2½ ft.

2.00 to 2.75

18 to 24 in.

1.50 to 2.00

Evergreens are becoming more popular each year. They are beginning to crowd out the old plantings of shrubbery which have monopolized the home grounds for so long.

The first cost of evergreens is low compared to their increasing value year after year, and the value they add to the home property.

Properly grown, carefully dug and handled they are as easy to transplant and make grow as any other plant.

Full directions for planting and care of evergreens will be given at time of purchase.

Hardy Shrubs and Roses not listed here. If interested ask for list.

POTTED FLOWER PLANTS

Geraniums, Daisies, Cannas, Petunias, Fuchsias, Begonias, Lobelia and other plants suitable for window boxes or bedding out.



## SMALL EVERGREENS

### Suitable for Rock Garden

<b>Arbor Vitae, American</b>		
15 to 18 in.....	\$.35 to	\$.50
<b>Arbor Vitae, Globe Shape</b>		
12 to 15 in.....	.50 to	.75
<b>Arbor Vitae, Pyramid</b>		
15 to 18 in.....	.75 to	1.00
12 to 15 in.....	.50 to	.75
10 to 12 in.....	.35 to	.50
<b>Juniper, Pfitzer</b>		
10 to 12 in.....	.50 to	.75
<b>Juniper, Saven</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.35 to	.50
6 to 8 in.....	.25 to	.35
<b>Juniper, Silver, Creeping</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.25 to	.35
<b>Juniper, Silver, Pyramid Shape</b>		
10 to 12 in.....	.40 to	.60
12 to 15 in.....	.75 to	1.00
<b>Juniper, Red Cedar</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.25 to	.35
10 to 12 in.....	.35 to	.50
<b>Pine, Austrian</b>		
10 to 12 in.....	.25 to	.50
<b>Pine, Mugho, Dwarf</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.40 to	.60
6 to 8 in.....	.25 to	.40
<b>Spruce, Colorado, Green</b>		
12 to 15 in.....	.75 to	1.00
8 to 10 in.....	.25 to	.35
<b>Spruce, Black Hills</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.20 to	.35
18 to 24 in.....	.75 to	1.00
<b>Spruce, White</b>		
8 to 10 in.....	.15 to	.25

When planting in a rock garden, use some of the tall growing varieties for background, such as the American and Pyramid Arbor Vitae, Austrian and Scotch Pine, Norway Spruce and Canadian Hemlock.

The Junipers and Arbor Vitaes can be trimmed to prevent spreading or growing too tall.

## PERENNIALS IN BLOOM

Don't forget to visit the nursery during the month of June when thousands of perennials are in bloom, and in July and August when many varieties of Hardy **Phlox** are in bloom. A good display will be on hand each day from which to select.

## ANNUALS IN BLOOM

Many annuals are in bloom at the nursery during the summer months. If your garden is not complete, you can get **Petunias, Verbenas, Bachelor's Buttons, Pinks, Marigolds, Lobelias, Snapdragons, Zinnias, etc.**, all in bloom, just what you need to fill up that vacant space in the garden.

The nursery is open every day all summer. The summer planting of flowers is increasing each year. The plants should be planted in late afternoon or evening for best results. Water the ground before planting and again afterwards. Press earth firmly around roots.

Perennials should be protected in winter with a covering of three or four inches of straw. Cover in the fall when the ground starts to freeze.

## SHADE TREES

Basswood, 8 to 10 ft.....	\$1.50
Catalpa, 4 ft.....	\$ .35 to .50
Chestnut, American, Yellow Flowers, 5 to 6 ft.	1.25
Elm, American, for lawn	
5 to 6 ft.....	.40 to .60
7 to 8 ft.....	.75 to 1.00
8 to 10 ft.....	1.00 to 1.50
Elm, American, for boulevard	
10 to 12 ft.....	2.50 to 3.00
Elm, Chinese, Dense Foliage,	
Fast Growing, 5 to 6 ft.	.50 to .75
8 to 10 ft.....	1.50 to 2.00
Elm, Vase, Vase-shape Top	
12 to 15 ft.....	2.50 to 3.50
Maple, Cutleaf Weeping	
6 to 8 ft.....	.85 to 1.00
Red-tip leaves, 5 to 6 ft.	1.85
Red, 6 to 8 ft.....	2.00
Red, 8 to 10 ft.....	3.00
Soft or Silver, 6 to 8 ft.	.75
12 to 15 ft.....	2.50
Mountain Ash, Red Berries	
6 to 8 ft.....	1.50
8 to 10 ft.....	2.00
Poplar, Bolleana	
8 to 10 ft.....	1.50
Poplar, Lombardy, Pyramid Type	
3½ to 4 ft.....	.25
4 to 5 ft.....	.35 to .50
5 to 6 ft.....	.50 to .75
8 to 10 ft.....	.85 to 1.25
Poplar, Norway, Fast Growing	
10 to 12 ft.....	.75 to 1.00
Willow, Niobe, Weeping	
3 to 4 ft.....	.25
5 to 6 ft.....	.75

When planting a shade tree cut back top branches one-half. Dig the hole deep and fill with water which should be allowed to settle. Set tree deep and tamp hard with foot. After tree is planted water again. Then water about twice a week for a month if in sandy soil. Less watering is required in heavy soil. Some varieties of trees will drown if watered too much.

## BLACK DIRT

Our black dirt is nearly all humus. Humus is decayed vegetation and decayed vegetation is nature's fertilizer. It produces a good growth of new vegetation wherever used, in flower pots, window boxes, flower beds, gardens or lawns.

Two-yard truck load.....	\$4.00
Sack .....	25c
Dirt properly mixed with humus and fertilizer for use in window boxes.	
Sack .....	50c

## LAWN GRASS SEED

<b>Crystal Lawn Seed</b> , best mixture of Clover, Red Top and Kentucky Bluegrass, lb. ....	40c
<b>Falcon Lawn Seed</b> , a mixture of Clover, Red Top, Bluegrass and Russian Rye, lb. ....	35c
<b>Shady Lawn Seed</b> , good mixture, lb. ....	45c
<b>White Clover</b> , lb. ....	60c

One pound will plant a square space of about 15 feet wide, or 225 square feet.

## FERTILIZER

Steamed Bone Meal, 3 lbs.	20c
10 lbs.	50c
20 lbs.	90c
Wizard Sheep Manure, 3 lbs.	20c
10 lbs.	50c
20 lbs.	90c
Vigoro, 1 lb. pkg.	10c
5-lb. pkg.	50c
10-lb. pkg.	85c
25-lb. bag	\$1.50
50-lb. bag	2.50
100-lb. bag	4.00

Vigoro is a highly concentrated fertilizer. It acts quickly and should be used in starting small plants. Spread on a coating of about 1 lb. to 3 or 4 square yards, and mix in the soil to a depth of 3 or 4 inches before setting in plants. Use it in connection with our Humus soil to start a more rapid growth.

## PLANTS SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

We do not fill mail orders for less than \$1.00. Add 25c extra for postage and packing on \$1.00 order and 10c extra for each additional \$1.00.

This sheet will be returned with your order.

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*This is a view in one of the rock gardens at the nursery. It was taken in September, 1932, a few weeks after the garden was completed. There are about one hundred feet of irregular shore line around this pool. The garden can be viewed from any direction as a path leads entirely around the pool. This pool is fed by a winding stream flowing over waterfalls and through mossy banks from the pool of a smaller garden at a much higher elevation.*

### ROCK GARDENING AS A PASTIME

If you must have a hobby, try your hand at rock gardening. There is always something in nature that appeals to everyone. A rock garden built to represent nature is most fascinating. There is something in a well-built rock garden to interest everyone, the plants and flowers, the rocks, the water, water plants and fish, or the effect of the entire arrangement of the pool and the garden. Hills and valleys, streams and waterfalls representing in miniature what we have seen in nature make a grand display.

One might travel for days, and not find a spot so interesting as a carefully built rock garden on his own home grounds.

### IT IS EASY TO MAKE A ROCK GARDEN

A rock garden should be something besides just a load of rock dumped on the ground with a little dirt thrown in between the rocks and a few plants added. To be fascinating a rock garden should represent something in nature. Who would care to see meadows and prairies covered with rock? But if we visit the mountains or steep banks of rivers or

lakes and fail to find ledges of rocks and boulders of all kinds, we would be disappointed.

It is on the mountain slopes and cliffs where we find the Alpine or rock plants growing, so let us make some mountains and valleys in miniature. If you wish a pool make it irregular to represent a lake with an island or peninsula, etc. Select a spot near the side or back of the lot line. Use some shrubs or evergreens for a background. Dig the pool about 18 to 24 inches deep, and cement the bottom and sides 4 to 5 inches thick. Use the dirt to shape the mountains and valleys around the pool. Leave enough open space in front for entrance to pool.

If the dirt is clay, add some sand or gravel to it, then mix in about 3 or 4 inches of our humus or peat soil. It supplies fertility and prevents the soil from washing. Dig pockets here and there and set your rock. Some prefer imported rock, but native rock is all right. Use the flat rock for cliff effect, boulders and odd shaped rocks on the slopes and foot hills. Then tamp the soil down between the rocks and set in the plants. Use some of the taller varieties near the pool.

Before starting your rock garden practice on a few tiny ones for models to get the shape you want. It will save time and produce some interesting results.

